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SUMMARY: RETURNING FROM CUBA, COMMUNIST SEC GEN ALVARO CUNHAL WARMLY LAUDED CASTRO'S REPORT TO CUBAN PARTY CONGRESS AND STRESSED NEED FOR STRENGTHENING RELATIONS BETWEEN PORTUGUESE AND CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTIES "AT THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT." END SUMMARY.

1. CUNHAL RETURNS: PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY (PCP) SEC GEN

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ALVARO CUNHAL RETURNED DEC 20 TO LISBON FOLLOWING FIVE-DAY

VISIT TO CUBA WHERE HE ATTENDED NATIONAL CONGRESS OF CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY.

2. CASTRO LAUDED: IN AIRPORT REMARKS, CUNHAL WARMLY PRAISED FIDEL CASTRO'S REPORT TO CONGRESS AS IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO CONSTRUCTION OF SOCIALISM IN CUBA AND TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. "WORDS FAIL ME," CUNHAL GUSHED, "AND I CANNOT EXPRESS ALL THAT WE, THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATES, FEEL ABOUT THIS REPORT." QUERIED ABOUT CIA INTERFERENCE IN PORTUGAL, CUNHAL REPLIED THAT "WHERE THERE IS SMOKE, THERE IS FIRE."

3. PORTUGUESE-CUBAN PARTY RELATIONS: CUNHAL SAID THAT HIS VISIT HAD STRENGTHENED TIES BETWEEN PORTUGUESE AND CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTIES. HE ADDED THAT, ALTHOUGH RELATIONS HAD ALWAYS BEEN GOOD BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES, "THEY SHOULD, NATURALLY, BE STRENGTHENED AT THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT."

4. AZORES AND ANGOLA AT DIPLOMATIC LUNCHEON: IN FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE AFTER HIS RETURN, CUNHAL ON DEC 22 ADDRESSED LUNCHEON OF LISBON DIPLOMATS' ASSOCIATION. HIS SPEECH WAS STRAIGHT FROM PCP PROGRAM. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON PCP VIEWS ON ELECTIONS, HE REITERATED POSITION THAT COMMUNISTS FAVORED FREE ELECTIONS. HOWEVER, CONDITIONS FOR FREE ELECTIONS DID NOT CURRENTLY EXIST IN AZORES, HE SAID, WHERE AZOREAN LIBERATION FRONT -- "UNDOUBTEDLY SUPPORTED FROM OUTSIDE" -- HAD SUCCEEDED IN EXPELLING COMMUNISTS. ANOTHER QUESTION GAVE CUNHAL OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE PCP VIEW THAT MPLA WAS SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF ANGOLAN PEOPLE AND THAT GOP SHOULD HAVE RECOGNIZED MPLA LUANDA GOVERNMENT ON NOV 11.
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